

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

This Supplemental Amendment is provided in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 7, 2004. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment stated that the section titled "Amendments to the Drawings" in the previously submitted Amendment dated September 24, 2004 caused the Amendment to be non-compliant. More specifically, marked-up drawings must be labeled as "Annotated Marked-Up Drawings".

The Notice states that only the "Amendments to the Drawings" section of the Amendment must be re-submitted to correct these issues. Thus, Applicants resubmit the section titled "Amendments to the Drawings" as was present in the previously submitted Amendment, with the annotated marked-up drawings appropriately labeled.

Thus, upon entry of the previously submitted Amendment, and the present Supplemental Amendment, claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16-18, 20-32, 35-65, and 67-70 are pending in the application, with 6, 13, 18, 38 and 60 being the independent claims. Claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 15, 19, 33, 34, and 66 were previously canceled. Claims 18, 20-32, and 35-37 were previously withdrawn. Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 38-51, 60-65, 67, and 68 are newly withdrawn. Claims 69 and 70 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the previously submitted Amendment and accompanying remarks, and the present Supplemental Amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

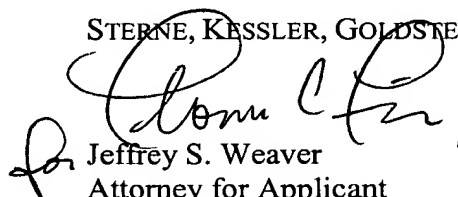
Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any

reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Supplemental Amendment and Remarks is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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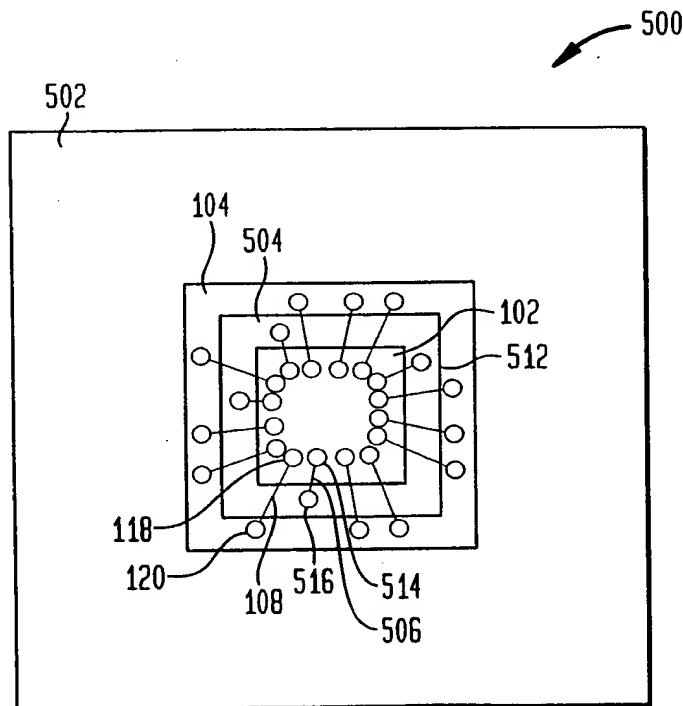
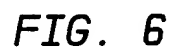

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Amendments to the Drawings

Figures 5, 7, 9, and 10 have been amended. Replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing corrections in red are attached.





ANNOTATED MARKED-UP DRAWINGS

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FIG. 7

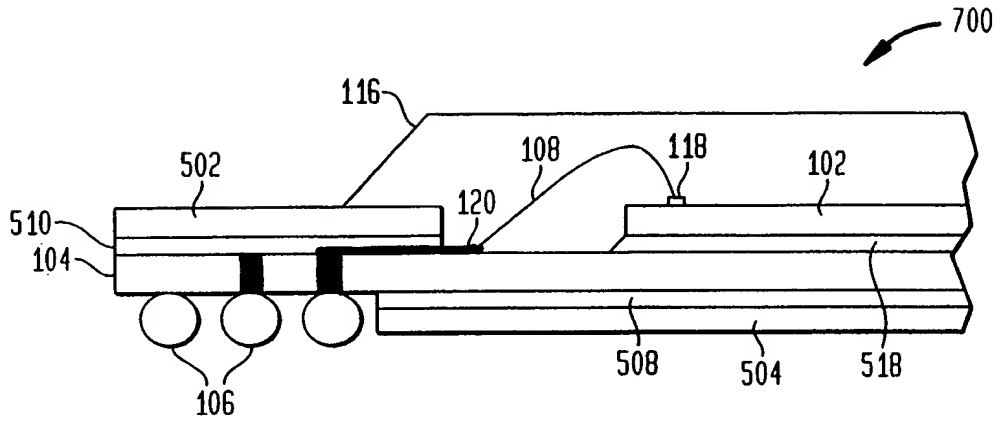
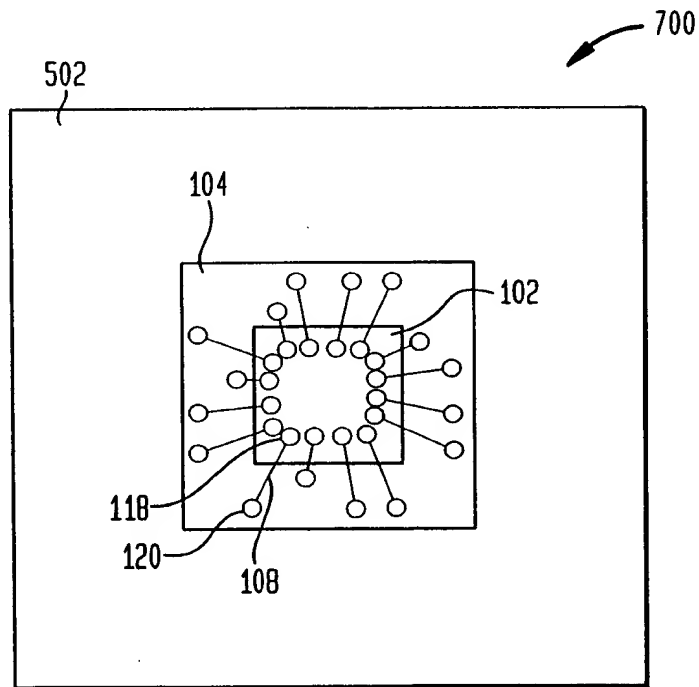


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FIG. 9

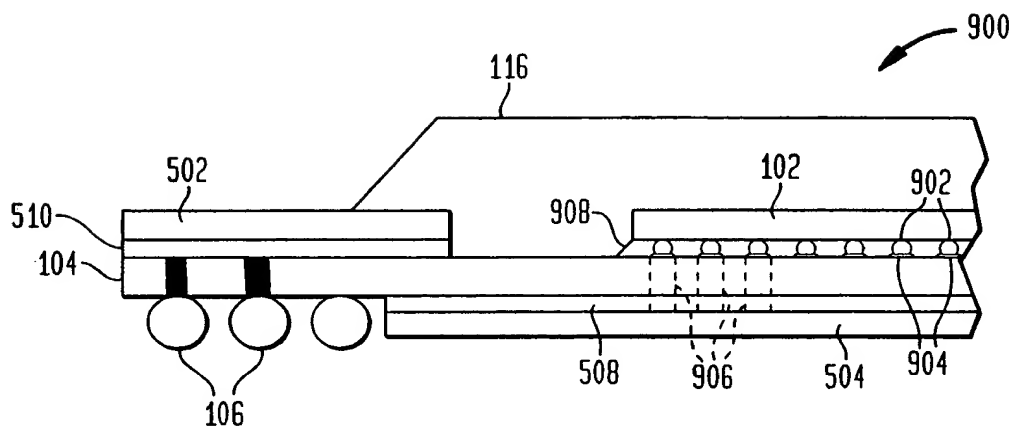


FIG. 10

